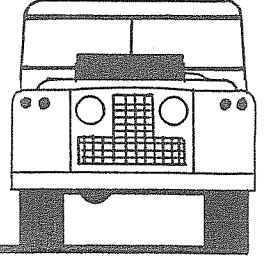


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December 15, 1986

Fred Barrett is Lugnut of the Year, Harry Bligh is proud owner of a new turkey, Prez McD is "exposed" and more than three dozen people suffered aching sides thanks to events coordinator-cum-standup-comedian Al Pilgrim.

These were some of the high points at the third annual OVL R Christmas party December 10 -- chronicled here for those unfortunates who couldn't attend.

The bubbles started fizzing shortly after 7 pm and by the 8 pm dinner hour the banquet room above Preston Street's Leone's Ristorante was ripe with Land Rover lore.

Owner Marcello laid on three choices of epicurean delights ranging from seafood pasta to chicken and veal. After a lacing of Land Rover cake it was on to the evening's entertainment ... from the now-famous "feely-meely" box to Land Rover trivia à la Pilgrim. (Al says his secret in designing the trivia game is that he knows virtually nothing about either the vehicle or its history ... making the answers anybody's guess.)

There were more than \$70 worth of Land Rover parts in prizes (tune-up kits, oil filters, books) plus lots of other goodies for the non-Rover-lover among us.

Members got a close look at some of the cast who could make up the 1987 executive. Lyn Leduc, already acclaimed treasurer, was cutting her teeth collecting money at the door. Vice-presidential nominees Tony Fowler, Peter Parsons and Jerry Dowell were there, as well as "lucky" Harry Bligh, winner of the door prize turkey who is running for the secretary's job (Harry, not the turkey). Walt Saveland, also running for secretary, was absent.

"Fast" Freddie Barrett walked away with the Lugnut award for 1986. The honor is presented each year to that member who exceeds the normal limits of silliness with his Land Rover. Fred took it away for his performance in tracking down a strange noise emanating from "somewhere" in the drivetrain. Using special detection techniques known only to electrical engineers of his ilk, he and a friend ripped out the floor, seatbox and front and rear propshafts to pull the transmission where, they had determined, the offending part was hiding. Unfortunately, the problem lay in the differential.

Runner-up was rookie Land Rover owner Stephane Bergeron who discovered the benefits of anti-freeze by not having any the first sub-zero day and blowing the frost plugs out of his 2¼. Also in contention was Jason Dowell who managed to break a half shaft on the way home from last year's party.

Prez McD was in Fredericton, NB on business, so the MC chores were aptly handled by VP Neil Brewer and the ever-present Pilgrim.

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OVL R annual meeting and election
Wednesday, January 7 - 2566 Lancaster Road

Neil thanked McD on behalf of the club for his efforts since becoming its first president in June 1984. McD is retiring with the January election.

For his part, Pilgrim "honored" the Prez with a special slide presentation centered on McD's "shortcomings" -- some more obvious than others since McD had no clothes on.

Special thanks to Al, Jerry, Fred and others who helped put it all together and cleaned up when it was over ... and to Lady Kelsey for the cake.

The December monthly meeting at a Hull Chinese restaurant took on an element of challenge when winter's first blizzard created a Land Rover heaven ... nearly impassible roads. But that didn't stop hardies like Lyn Leduc and Harry Bligh from Winchester, nor Tony Fowler from Orleans. In fact, VP Neil Brewer saw the evening as the first real test for his freshly-rebuilt 88. (It met the challenge perfectly, he reports.)

Treasurer David Johnson missed the meeting so the exec will meet again before the annual get-together to finalize the books for the incoming executive. It looks like we're going to have about \$600 in the bank by year's end.

Members attending had their second look at our proposed constitution. It was drafted by Prez McD and submitted to the exec and members attending the last two monthly meetings to work some of the bugs out before sending it to the membership as a whole. The exec would like all to study it and bring any comments to the annual meeting January 7. If you can't make the meeting, please send your two cents worth to the letterhead address before January 7.

OVL R has several boxes of new and used parts, specialized tools and camp gear that need to be stored and someone to be responsible for it all. The new exec will need your help. Think it over and make an offer at the annual meeting.

Anybody wanna try their hand at being editor of a mass circulation, state-of-the-art, hard-hitting, prize-winning publication? OK, how about editor of this newsletter instead? The exec is still looking for a replacement for McD -- remember him from the president's job? Well, he also authors all the drive in this newsletter and will give up the glory with this edition. If you can help, let the exec know ASAP.

Gossip....lies....truths....rumours....sales....needs....

*ALROC treasurer Andy Graham seen handing out issues of Transfer Box at the OVL R Christmas party. If you didn't get yours, call him at 733-1628.

*Jordie Bowen in need of a Series III starter. Call him at 828-3195.

*Special thanks this issue to Kelsey Anderson, known in newspaper circles as "The Bun" for her constant support and hard work in producing this newspaper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

That's all.

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